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Appln. of: Silverman, Steven P. et al.

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Art Unit: To be assigned.

For: MULTI-LEVEL EXPEDITED FORWARDING PER HOP BEHAVIOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Commissioner:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-referenced application and to calculation of the excessive claims fees due, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following as the first paragraph of the specification:

-- GOVERNMENT CONTRACT

This invention was made in part with United States Government support under Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Air Force 99-113, and the United States Government may have certain rights to the invention.--